Willingness of Germany to buy coal from India

3832. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Germany has expressed its willingness to buy coal from India;

(b) if so, whether any agreement has been signed in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the quantity of coal which Germany has agreed to buy from India; and

(e) by when the agreement is likely to come into effect ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (e) Presently coal is being exported by Coal India Ltd. only to some neighbouring countries who are traditional buyers of coal from India. No agreement has been signed by Coal India Ltd. with Germany for export of coal.

Arrears due on different SEBs

3833. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount of coal supplied to the different Electricity Boards, during 1992-93 i.e. as on 1st March, 1993.

(b) what is the total amount of arrears due on the various State Electricity Boards as on 1st March, 1993.

(c) whether interest is being charged on these dues; and

(d) what steps are being taken to recover the arrears ?

The MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (d) The total quantity of coal (including middlings) supplied to Power Station from CIL sources during the period April, 1992 to February, 1993 has been of the order of 120.71 million tonnes.

The details of amount due from power utilities as on 27-2-1993 were as follows :

(Data of Provisional)
(Rs. in crores)

Name of Power Utilities	Amount
1. Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board (APSEB)	4.02
2. Ahmedabad Electricity Co. (AEC)	25.98
3. Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS)	202.56
4. Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB)	22.71
5. Calcutta Electricity Supply Co. (CESC)	3.82
6. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)	232.41
7. Delhi Electricity Supply Undertaking (DESU)	40.91
8. Durgapur Project Ltd. (DPL)	75.97
9. Gujarat State Electricity Board (GEB)	154.88
10. Haryana State Electricity Board (HSEB)	106.28
11. Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. (KPCL)	12.61
12. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB)	45.86
13. Maharashtra State Electricity Board (MSEB)	293.71

	Name of Power Utilities	Amount
14.	National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)	172.63
15.	Orissa State Electricity Board (OSEB)	12.55
16.	Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB)	177.46
17.	Rajasthan State Electricity Board (RSEB)	17.33
18.	Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB)	66.71
19.	Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board (UPSEB)	299.70
20.	West Bengal State Electricity Board (WBSEB)	133.96
21.	West Bengal Power Development Corporation (WBPDC)	135.63
22.	Others	9.79
	TOTAL	2247.18

The dues have accumulated over a period of time because of gap between the value of coal supplied by Coal Companies and payment made by Power Utilities. One of the main reasons for non-clearance of coal bills is the financial constraints faced by the Power Utilities. Power Utilities are liable to pay interest on coal sale dues outstanding against them.

Steps taken to recover the outstanding dues are :—

(i) All power units commissioned after 1-4-1989 were being supplied coal only against advance payment or against revolving Letter of Credit.

(ii) Government of India have decided to adjust all undisputed coal sales outstanding as on 31-5-1990 against the Central Assistance to State plans payable to the State Governments, whose State Electricity Boards had defaulted in four equal instalments. So far three instalments have been received.

(iii) As a result of mounting arrears outstanding dues, Ministry of Coal advised CIL to start supplying coal to the power utilities only against advance payments. This scheme which is better known as 'Cash and Carry Scheme was introduced with effect from 1-10-1991.

(iv) State Government have been requested to pursuade/enable their State Electricity Boards to clear the dues at the earliest.

Amendment to Coal Control Act

3834. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI :

SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Coal Control Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when this amendment would be made and what are the details of profit/loss to be incurred as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Coal have recently issued three orders/notifications connected with Colliery Control Order. As a result of these amendments, there is no change in the procedure for obtaining coal for actual users. However, for coal obtained as actual users, permission of Coal Controller is required before it can be diverted or resold. Any violation of the provisions of Colliery Control Order is punishable under Essential Commodities Act.

Under these notifications/orders, coal sold under 'Liberalised Sales Scheme' without actual users condition and non-coking and such coking coal as is not